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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A decorative sheet or a molding[.,.] in particular for indoor or outdoor applications on buildings[.,.] made from a monolaterally or bilaterally decorative-layer-laminated, pressed single- or multilap core layer made from wood fibers, cellulose fibers, a mixture of wood fibers and cellulose fibers, or from timber sawdust products, where the fibers or the timber sawdust products have been impregnated with a resin as binder and are surrounded by the hot-curing binder, wherein the core layer comprises a filler material whose particle size is smaller than the thickness of the individual fibers or of the timber sawdust products, wherein the particle size of the filler material is in the range of from 5 to 50 microns.
2. (Original) The decorative sheet or the molding as claimed in claim 1, wherein the core layer is composed of from 15 to 80% by weight of fibers or of timber sawdust products, from 10 to 75% by weight of filler material, and from 10 to 50% by weight of resin, based in each case on the total weight of the core layer.
3. (Original) The decorative sheet or the molding as claimed in claim 1, wherein the core layer encompasses from 25 to 75% by weight of fibers or of timber sawdust products, from 20 to 50% by weight of filler material, and from 15 to 35% by weight of resin, based in each case on the total weight of the core layer.
4. (Original) The decorative sheet or the molding as claimed in claim 1, wherein the filler material is thermally stable up to 200 °C and neither hydrolyzable nor hygroscopic, and is composed of inorganic or organic material.

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5. (Canceled) Please cancel Claim 5.

6. (Currently Amended) The decorative sheet or the molding as claimed in claim 1, wherein the filler material comprises an inorganic material is selected from the group consisting of inorganic materials encompassing[[],] inter alia[[],] talc, chalk, dolomite, aluminum hydroxide, magnesium hydroxide, barium sulfate, perlite, diatomite, mica, calcium carbonate, and mixtures of these.

7. (Currently Amended) The decorative sheet or the molding as claimed in claim 1, wherein the filler material is composed of organic materials, such as said organic materials comprising at least one member selected from the group consisting of ground residues of HPL sheets, sawdust produced from HPL sheets when the sheets are cut, ground used HPL sheets, ground residues of timber sawdust products, wood fibers, and cellulose fibers.

8. (Currently Amended) The decorative sheet or the molding as claimed in claim 1, wherein the water content of the core layer prior to press-molding to give a prepreg is from 0.5 to 10% by weight, ~~in particular from 1.5 to 2.5% by weight[[],]~~ based on the total weight of the core layer.

9. (Original) The decorative sheet or the molding as claimed in claim 1, wherein the water absorption of the sheet decreases as the content of the filler material rises, at a resin content of from 20 to 25% by weight.

10. (Currently Amended) The decorative sheet or the molding as claimed in claim 9, wherein the filler material is an inorganic filler and the volume swelling of the sheet decreases as inorganic filler content rises, at a resin content of from 20 to 25% by weight.

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11. (Currently Amended) The decorative sheet or the molding as claimed in claim 9, wherein the filler material is an organic filler and the volume swelling of the sheet remains almost constant as organic filler content rises, at a resin content of from 20 to 25% by weight.

12. (Original) The decorative sheet as claimed in claim 9, wherein the flexural strength of the sheet with up to 50% by weight content of filler material is at most 20% lower than the flexural strength of a sheet in whose core layer no filler material is present.

13. (Original) An article comprising the sheet or the molding of claim 1 for external cladding of buildings in the form of a curtain facade, of a panel screening a wall or roof, or of cladding for a balcony, or of a parapet panel or apron panel, or else for the internal lining of walls or furniture, or of wet-rooms or laboratory equipment.

14. – 17. (Canceled).